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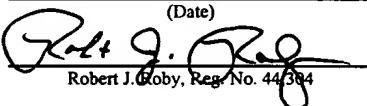
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 11, 1999, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 16 and 32-43 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 1, 12, 14, 15, 22 and 31 as follows:

1. (Amended) A food preparation line comprising a first section, a second section lying generally normal to the first section, and a third section positioned next to and extending away from the second section, a heated storage compartment positioned on one of the sections, [and] a cooled storage compartment positioned on another one of the sections and a generally open package storage compartment located near an end of the third section, which end is distal of the second section, whereby packaging stored in the generally open package storage compartment ~~is easily accessed.~~ ⁸⁸ ~~3600~~

12. (Amended) The food preparation line of Claim [10] ~~11~~ additionally comprising a waste receptacle located beneath the taco rail.

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